

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

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**CRIMINAL NO: 09- 115**

**v.**

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**SECTION: "C"**

**GEORGE R. JEFFERSON**

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**FACTUAL BASIS**

If this case were to proceed to trial the Government would prove the Defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt of this one count Bill of Information. In the Indictment, the Defendant, GEORGE R. JEFFERSON, is charged with knowingly and intentionally possessing in and affecting commerce a firearm, after having been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year. The Government would establish the following through reliable and competent evidence:

NOPD Sgt. Stephen Imbraguglio made an application for a search warrant and the warrant was signed by Orleans Parish Magistrate Gerard Hansen at 9:55a.m. on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 for the residence at 1319 Lamanche St, which is within the Eastern District of Louisiana. The basis of the search warrant came from information culled from St. Bernard Parish Det. Stephen Imbraguglio's surveillance of the residence. (Law enforcement had been alerted to possible criminal activity at the

residence from a source.) Sgt. Kevin Imbraguglio and Det. Stephen Imbraguglio then set up surveillance at about 10:35a.m. They observed a black male seated in front of 1319 Lamanche St. in a gray Chrysler Concord (vehicle license no. SPP 311). As the Detectives drove in front of the vehicle, they observed the black male, George R. JEFFERSON (d.o.b. 8-26-76), holding a clear plastic bag containing green vegetable matter in his right hand. Both Sgt. Kevin Imbraguglio and Det. Stephen Imbraguglio recognized the target, George R. JEFFERSON, and that he was holding marijuana in his right hand (9.4 gross grams of marijuana). They exited their unmarked vehicle, approached JEFFERSON, arrested him for possession of marijuana, and mirandized him.

Sgt. Kevin Imbraguglio then went to the front of the residence where JEFFERSON's mother, Stephanie Andrews, was at the door. Sgt. Kevin Imbraguglio announced that he had a search warrant and entered the residence at 1319 Lamanche Street. Sgt. Kevin Imbraguglio initially cleared the residence to make sure there were no other subjects inside to destroy or possibly flee with any drugs or weapons. After the residence was cleared, JEFFERSON was relocated to the residence. When asked if he had any drugs, weapons, or currency in the residence, JEFFERSON replied to Sgt. Kevin Imbraguglio "I have two guns in my bedroom."

Sgt. Kevin Imbraguglio found two guns in JEFFERSON's bedroom closet - one Chinese, model SKS, 7.62x39m caliber blue steel rifle bearing serial # 07014, with a Simmons scope and a thirty round clip with live ammunition; and one Mossberg, model 385, 12 gauge shotgun bearing serial # UM876937, with six live 12 gauge shells. Sgt. Kevin Imbraguglio recovered personal documents and correspondence in the name of George JEFFERSON from the bedroom closet.

Det. Stephen Imbraguglio located a Izhmash (IMEZ), model SAIGA-410, .410 caliber shotgun bearing serial # H02201847, and a box containing fifty live .44 caliber rounds in the attic under the insulation.

Under the right rear side of the residence Sgt. Kevin Imbraguglio located a green Heineken cardboard box which contained the following: (1) a Taurus blue steel .44 caliber Special revolver bearing serial # LA556520 with five live rounds; (2) a Bryco, model 38, .380 stainless steel semi-automatic handgun bearing serial # T554994 with two live rounds in the magazine (one in the gun's chamber); (3) a box containing one hundred live .9mm Lugar rounds; (4) a box containing forty live Smith and Wesson .44 caliber rounds, sixty-seven live 7.62x39 Golden Tiger rounds, one SKS magazine containing five live 7.62x39 Golden Tiger rounds, and seven Winchester 12 gauge shotgun shells.

Sgt. Kevin Imbraguiglio also discovered through NOPD Motions computer that JEFFERSON had prior felony convictions which preclude him from possessing a firearm. JEFFERSON pled guilty to possession of crack in Orleans Parish under docket number 385-825 "D" in October 1996. He pled guilty to possession with intent to distribute cocaine in Orleans Parish under docket number 397-877 "G" in August 1998. He also pled guilty to possession of marijuana -3<sup>rd</sup> offense in Orleans Parish under docket number 429-926 "T".

The five weapons were test-fired by NOPD. Four of the weapons performed as designed but the Bryco.380 misfired due to a problem with the firing pin. ATF Nexus expert S/A Mike Eberhardt confirmed that each of the five guns were manufactured outside the state of Louisiana and thus had to travel through interstate commerce to arrive in Louisiana.

After his arrest, JEFFERSON wrote and signed a hand-written sworn statement in which he admitted to ATF S/A Cheryl Harrell that the five guns found by law enforcement officers pursuant to the arrest were in his possession. In the statement, he also admits that he is a convicted felon and knows he is not allowed to possess a firearm.

Finally, JEFFERSON admits that on March 2, 2009, he was in possession of the above-mentioned firearms, and he acknowledges that said conduct constitutes knowing violations of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2).

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